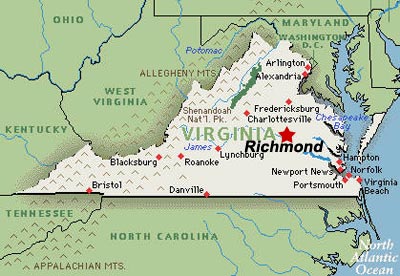
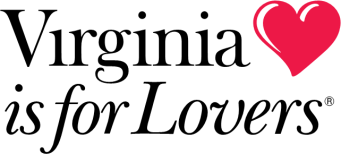
Richmond, Virginia

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Virginia is 42,774 square miles and is the 35th biggest state in the United States. Virginia was the 10th state in the [USA](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/usa/); it became a state on June 25, 1788. The largest city in Virginia is Virginia Beach. Virginia’s major industries are farming (tobacco, peanuts, corn, sweet potatoes, poultry, and ham), tourism, US Navy warships, mining (coal), lumber (for paper and furniture), and government workers. The state capital of Virginia is Richmond.

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Richmond offers a wide range of cultural attractions. One of the finest museums in the Southeast, the **Virginia Museum of Fine Arts** features collections from Europe, the Far East, and America. Special collections include the Faberge Russian Imperial Jewels and the Lewis Collection of Art Nouveau. Other major museums include the **Science Museum of Virginia**, the **Children’s Museum**, the **Edgar Allen Poe Museum**, the **Valentine Museum** and the **Museum of the Confederacy**. These reflect Virginia's heritage as well as the wonders of the modern age.

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**Virginia’s Major Cities**:

* [Virginia Beach, VA](http://www.travelmath.com/city/Virginia+Beach,+VA)
* [Norfolk, VA](http://www.travelmath.com/city/Norfolk,+VA)
* [Chesapeake, VA](http://www.travelmath.com/city/Chesapeake,+VA)
* [Richmond, VA](http://www.travelmath.com/city/Richmond,+VA)
* [Arlington, VA](http://www.travelmath.com/city/Arlington,+VA)
* [Newport News, VA](http://www.travelmath.com/city/Newport+News,+VA)
* [Hampton, VA](http://www.travelmath.com/city/Hampton,+VA)
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* [Portsmouth, VA](http://www.travelmath.com/city/Portsmouth,+VA)
* [Roanoke, VA](http://www.travelmath.com/city/Roanoke,+VA)
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* [](http://rlv.zcache.com/virginia_beach_postcards-p239367944858752569qibm_400.jpg)[Dale City, VA](http://www.travelmath.com/city/Dale+City,+VA)
* [Reston, VA](http://www.travelmath.com/city/Reston,+VA)

**Richmond’s Historic Landmarks:**

* City Hall
* Confederate Capitol
* Egyptian Building
* Ellen Glasgow House

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| * Jackson Ward Historic District |  |

* John Marshall House
* White House of the Confederacy
* Richmond National Battlefield Park

**Top Outdoor Activities:**

* **Virginia Beach-** 35 miles of Atlantic oceanfront to go fishing, swimming, boating, surfing, and even parasailing.
* **Assategue Island National Seashore-** Atlantic Ocean beach, marshes, maritime forests and coastal bays.
* **The Chesapeake Bay-** flows for 200 miles and is the largest estuary in the U.S., making it ideal for boating and fishing.
* **Skyline Drive-** winds through the 200, 000 acre Shenandoah National Park, where camping, cabins, trails, nature programs and horseback riding can be enjoyed.
* **Blue Ridge Parkway-** has hiking trails, picnic sites and cultural attractions are abundant along this scenic road.
* **Appalachian Trail-** Virginia boasts one-fourth of 2,175 miles of the Appalachian Trail that goes through Georgia to Maine.
* **[](http://www.cnyhiking.com/PriceLake0102910001.jpg)The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests-** cover 1.6 million acres in Virginia offer great hiking, fishing, hunting, mountain biking, camping, horse trails and Virginia’s highest point, Mount Rogers.

Blue Ridge

Parkway ->

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**Entertainment:**

* Busch Gardens
* Water Country USA
* [Canal boat cruise](http://www.visitrichmondva.com/businessdirectory/detail/921)
* [Metro Richmond Zoo](http://www.visitrichmondva.com/businessdirectory/detail/941)

[](http://www.zieworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/busch-garden-virginia.gif)

**Climate/ Weather Conditions:**

The climate is generally humid with mild temperatures.

Summer temperatures average 80°F

[](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=virginia+in+the+summer&view=detail&id=64CA11739A7CDF6A460CB84418109B01F030B875&first=271&FORM=IDFRIR)

January, usually experiences an average of 30°F [](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=virginia+in+the+winter&view=detail&id=54AAA565117F9DAE8DBA9EB8D1DE1F0103A5D633&first=0&FORM=IDFRIR)

**Transportation:**

* [Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel](http://www.cbbt.com)
* [Virginia's Ferry system](http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/ferry.asp)
* Airports: Ronald Reagan National Airport, Richmond International, and etc.
* Railways: Virginia Railway Express, Amtrak Virginia, and Washington Metro Area Transit Authority.
* Bus Lines: Greyhound and [Car /Other transportation services](http://www.virginia.org/directory/services/transporation/)**.**

**Foods:**

* Seafood
* Peanuts and Pork
* Wines and Mushrooms
* Apples, Peaches and Poultry
* Hearty Mountain Fare

**Languages Spoken:**

* Native Language- English
* Other Languages spoken- Spanish, Latin, French and German.

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